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1. In Oct 53, the VEB Askaniawerke at Teltow manufactured 127 phase compensator sets, which probably were flown to the Soviet Union because stress was laid on light packing.
2. Six automatic recording ocean depth gauge indicators were also manufactured on Soviet order in Oct and were shipped to Rostock on 3 Nov 53.
3. Up to 600 pieces of a part for Soviet torpedoes are turned out monthly in assembly line production. They have four electron tubes and reportedly are built into the torpedoes.
4. Eleven aircraft voice radio sets were produced in Oct.
5. Frequent complaints of the quality of the production have been made by the Soviet people, but the Ministry for Light Machine Construction has done nothing. The SSD made some arrests of persons charged with acts of sabotage. As a result of these arrests, which were mostly among the so-called technical experts, production came to a standstill. Deliveries for the month of Oct could not be made on time. Part of the engineers threatened with arrest fled to West Berlin.
6. The order for the manufacture of 5,000 gyrocompasses has been suspended. Instead, preparations are being made for the production of a completely new electric artificial horizon. It will be produced from Soviet designs.
7. Extensive changes in the works are expected for the year 1954. It is said that the frequent changes in types and items of production result in high costs. Discussions are going on with the Soviet authority at Karlshorst looking to long-term and possibly unified production planning.

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